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President's Message

As the first quarter draws to a close at the Chamber we have been busy. We started out with a great Celebrate Success, moved on to deal with the smoking bylaw, started looking at the City Redevelopment Plan to see if, and why, there are road blocks in new business starting up, and old business expanding. We then helped out Dwight and Tammy Ruf of DR Auto Extras, get info on daylight saving time {would that be a great idea}.

The Saskatchewan Chamber Of Commerce Annual General meeting was held in Yorkton along with "Dine A Nite". In between all that we had our regular meetings, special meetings, luncheons, and there goes the first quarter.



Todd Haas

At the Chamber, we feel that keeping our youth here is a big priority. Each year the Regional High School asks us to talk with the students enrolled in the business course.

We mainly focus on why they should stay in Saskatchewan and in the Yorkton area.

Donna does a great job at promoting our area to them. She brings all the statistics comparing Saskatchewan to the rest of Canada. Contrary to what you may think, our little neck of the woods fairs pretty well. Most kids think Alberta is the place to live, how would they know that, they have not done the research on this topic. We, the parents, leaders, and mentors always talk about, Alberta this, Alberta that, and how much greener the other side is. If Saskatchewan could just get around always thinking everybody is better than us, maybe we could stop the out-migration. Maybe people across Canada would take notice of us and say, what are they doing in Saskatchewan, that is the place to live, work, and raise a family.

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Upcoming Chamber Events

• May 20 •

Luncheon - Travelodge

12:00 Noon

Yorkton Chamber AGM

• May 28 •

Film Festival

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• May 27 - 30 •

Golden Sheaf Awards

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• ABEX Awards Nomination Deadline July 9 •

• ABEX Awards Reception October 23 •

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• July 26 - 30, 2004 •

Agricultural Days

More information to come

• October 17 - 23, 2004 •

Small Business Week

More information to come

Congratulations to our Members

- Sunset Photo on their new location 22 - 2nd Ave. North
- Yorkton Tire on their Customer Service Award
- Dairy Queen's re-grand opening under new management
- John Miller for his honored volunteer medal
- Tracey James for their re-grand opening and renovations
- Paperback Players on their recent awards at the theatre fest 2004
- Yorkton Exhibition Association for a fabulous Spring Expo 2004
- Big Brothers Big Sister's of Yorkton for their huge success, Bowl for Kids 2004
- Dave Mandzuk - new manager of Yorklake golf and country club

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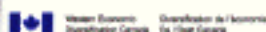
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Fact of the Month!

Provincial out-migration is slowing down it has declined 10.3 % in 2003 compared to 2002. The net out-flow in 2003 was 3536 down from a loss 6934 in 2002. In - migration increased by 5.7% in 2003 compared to 2002.

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